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How frail is beauty ! in how short a time
It fades, like roses, which have past their prime,
So wrinkled age the fairest face will plow,
And cast deep furrows on the smoothest brow,
Then where's that lovely tempting face ? alas !
Yourselves would blush to view it in a glass.

If thou delightest in beauty, O my soul ! choose that which is lasting. There is beauty of holiness upon the inner man ; this abides fresh and is orient forever, and sparkles gloriously, when thy face, the seat of natural beauty, is become abhorent and a loathsome spectacle. Holiness enamels and sprinkles over the face of the soul with a beauty upon which Christ himself is enamoured ; even imperfect holiness on earth is a rose that breathes sweetly in the bud ; in heaven it will be full blown, and abide in its prime to all eternit.

Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting holden at the north meeting house in Sutton on Saturday the 28th day of August ult.

After prayer to Almighty God, organized the meeting of business by appointing Elder H. D. Buzzell Moderator.

1st. Enquired into the state of the churches belonging to this Quarterly Meeting.

1. Andover church was represented by Elder Neh. Sleeper as in a low state.
2. Ashby and Fitchburg, no report.
3. Bradford, by Br. Cressey, not now considered a church, 14 in number, requested to be received, which was granted.
4. Enfield, by Eld John Swett, not a time of reformation, but some revival of late. A good union and love, have a good determination to travel on in the heavenly way, &c. Eight baptized of late.

5 Fishersfield, Sutton, and Goshen by Eld. T. Morse.
Nothing especial except in the branch at Goshen, where there has been a revival of the good work of God, and a number have been baptised.

6 Sutton 2d. church, by Deacon Fowler; well united.
7 Salisbury, by Br. Tho. Fowler—persevering in the heavenly way,

8 Springfield, by Deacon Davis—rather a low time.
Request the qr. Meeting there, to be holden on the last Saturday and Sabbath in Oct. next, which was granted.

9 Weare, by Eld. H. D. Buzzell—well united—one added.
10 Wilmot, by Br. David Cross—not that engagedness that has been heretofore.

11 Newport, a written Epistle—glorious!
Voted to receive them into fellowship as a sister church.
Their monthly meeting is holden on the thursday before the first Sabbath in each month. Their present number is 66.

12 Eld. Obediah E. Morrill gave a glorious account of the good work of God in the towns of Barrington, Barnstead, Lee, Nottingham, and the regions round about.

13 Considered the propriety of altering the time of holding the Quarterly-Meeting. Voted to postpone the further consideration of the same to the next Q. M.

14 Voted to choose a messenger from this Qr. Meeting to New-Durham Qr. Meeting in future.

15 Chose Eld. H. D. Buzzell a messenger to the next, to be holden at New-Durham on the 3d Wednesday and Thursday in October next.

16 Voted that it be the duty of the Clerk to Make an epistle for the messenger.

17 Voted to choose a committee to notify the delinquent churches. Elders Watson, Morse, & Br. Philbrick were chosen.

18 Voted to adjourn one hour.

19 Met in the afternoon according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer, Eld. Moses Cheney preached a sermon from the word, "*SAVATION*."

20. Voted to adjourn this meeting untill tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, to be holden at the south Meeting-house in this town.

21 Sabbath morning, met according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer, Eld. H. D. Buzzell of Weare, delivered a very solemn and instructing discourse from Acts, 9. 6. "*Lord what wilt thou have me to do?*" In speaking from the subject, He first, shew what God had done for his people, in providing a

Saviour for a lost world. He spake of the extensiveness of God's love to mankind in a very feeling manner.

Secondly. He spake of the work the creature had to perform, which was to accept of the salvation already provided.

Thirdly. The benefits received by adhering to the requirements of God.

In the afternoon Eld. Moses Cheney delivered a discourse from Psalms, 34. 11. *For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

The assembly was large and attentive; the preaching solemn and instructive, and we trust, that some sinners were awakened.

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Letter from Eld. Place, dated, Rochester, August 28th, 1819.

Beloved Brother,

I have received three numbers of the *Religious Informer*, and read them with much satisfaction. I think it only needs to be generally known, to receive a public patronage among our Friends and Brethren at large. I shall esteem it a favour to be ranked even among the least of your correspondents; and will gladly transmit to you such Religious Intelligence as may hereafter fall under my observation: confideing in your wisdom to make such extracts and amendments as may be found necessary.

Within one year past, there has been a very glorious revival of religion within the limits of the New-Durham Quarterly-Meeting: nearly every *Church* have felt the *Heavenly Shower*. — Between two and three hundred have been added. Two churches have been gathered at Barrington and received into fellowship; which makes the number of churches belonging to this Q. M. to be twenty: and the number of Teaching Elders is fifteen, viz. Thomas Bell, of Newcastle. Samuel B. Dyer, Nottingham. Moses Bean, Candia. Peter Philbrick, Deerfield. Enoch Place, Rochester. Micajah Otis, Barrington. Nathaniel Barry, Farmington. Ebenezer Knowlton, Pittsfield. Nathaniel Wilson, Barnstead. William Buzzell, Middleton. John Page, Alton. Abel Glidden, Gilmanton. Richard Martin, and John Knowles, Gilford. Winthrop Young, Canterbury. There are also several Ruling Elders, and unordained Brethren, that have the gift of preaching. We are determined to keep up the form of Godliness, and obtain as much of the power as we can.

Farewell.

ENOCH PLACE, Clerk of the
New-Durham
Qr. Meeting.

The Church of Christ at Newport, to the Elders and Brethren with whom they correspond, sendeth greeting; wishing you grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

We joyfully hail the day, when we may meet you with our epistle, in company with a number of our brethren. We rejoice that we have not to address you with the mournful story of trouble and trials; but we can say, "rejoice with us, for the Lord reigns;" he has blessed us with a glorious shower of Grace, and the cloud has not entirely left us. We yet enjoy peace, & brotherly love, which is the most precious bond, creatures can enjoy; also additions are made to us from time to time of such, as we hope will be saved in the day of the Lord. Our number is sixty-six.

While we count them, we say, what hath God wrought, that parents and children may sit together here, and feel a little of the joys of the triumphant church above. We hope the Lord will be with you, in your meeting, and make the season heavenly and glorious. We want your prayers and help, hoping we may live together in love and peace till death, then all join with the glorious host above to praise him forever without a jar.

So we remain yours in gospel bonds.

In behalf of the church John Town Church Clerk.

N. B. Forty-eight of our number has been added by baptism. We have chosen brethren to sit with you, Clark Wakefield, Lovel Wheeler, Joel Magregory, Leonard Hart, Lorenzo Freto.

On the Death of Christ. Continued from page 26.

This was the hour of Christ's triumph over all the powers of darkness; the hour in which he overthrew thrones, "led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." The contest which the kingdom of darkness long maintained against the kingdom of light, was now brought to its crisis. The period was come, when "the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpents head." For many ages the most gross superstition had filled the earth.

"The glory of the incorrutable God was," every where except in the land of Judea, "changed into images made like to corruptible man, and to birds and beasts and creeping things." The world which the Almighty created for himself seemed to have become the temple of idols. Even to vices and passions, altars were raised; and what was entitled religion, was, in effect, a dis-

ipline of impurity. In the midst of this universal darkness, Satan had erected his throne; and the learned and polished, as well as the savage nations, bowed down before him. But at the hour when Christ appeared on the cross, the signal of his defeat was given. His kingdom suddenly departed from him; the reign of idolatry passed away; he was beheld to fall like lightning from heaven;" in that hour, the foundation of every Pagan temple shook; the statute of every false god tortered on its base; the priest fled from his falling shrine; and the heathen oracles became dumb forever.

Death, also, the last foe to man, was the victim of this hour. The formidable appearance of death remained, but his dart was taken away; for in the hour when Christ died, he disarmed death, by securing the resurrection of the just to immortality. When he said to this penitent fellow sufferers, "today thou shalt be with me in Paradise," he announced to all followers, the certainty of heavenly bliss. He declared the cherubim to be dismissed, and the "flaming sword" to be sheathed, which he had appointed "to keep from man the way of the tree of life." Faint before this period, had been the hopes, indistinct had been the prospects, which even the good men enjoyed of the heavenly kingdom." Life and immortality were now brought to light." From the hill Calvary, the first clear and certain view was given to the world of everlasting mansions. Since that hour, they have been the perpetual consolation of believers in Christ. Under trouble, they sooth their minds; amidst temptations, they support their virtues; and, in their dying moments, enable them to say, "O death! where is thy sting? O grave! Where is thy victory?"

A French officer, who was a prisoner upon his parole at Reading, met with a Bible. He read it, and was so struck with its contents, that he was convinced of the folly of sceptical principles, and of the truth of christianity, and resolved to become a protestant. When his gay associates rallied him for taking so serious a turn, he said in his vindication, "I have done no more than my old schoolfellow, Bernadotte, who is become a Lutheran." "Yes but he became so," said his associate, "to obtain a crown." "My motive," said the christian officer, "is the same; we only differ as to place. The object of Bernadotte is to obtain a crown in Sweden—mine is to obtain a crown in heaven."

London Magazine.

From the Christian Herald.

"For this thy brother was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found."

THIS is from the hand of an unworthy brother, formerly of Hillsborough, N. H. who received ordination, in Hardwick, Vermont, and lived for sometime, having his fellowship with the Father and Son, living preaching and rejoicing with the Christian Brethren, but, alas! afterwards departed from the faith once delivered to the saints, and was laboured with according to the New-Testament, visited by Elders Putnam and Rand, found to be among the number who deny the Lord that bought them, and they reported him as such, through the medium of the Herald; which report I acknowledge was correct. I therefore feel bound in duty to confess before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, to all his children, and also to the world, that there is no peace to the wicked, especially to the departing son. But it has been the cause of sore grief to my heart, when coming to myself to behold the reproach I had brought on the cause of God, and grieved the hearts of his children, and also, strengthened the hands of sinners; for which cause, I think I can say in the language of Jonah, "Out of the belly of hell cried I unto the Lord," and to my great astonishment, when I was a great way off, I found the embraces of my heavenly father, feeling no more worthy to be called a son.—This took place in the month of June, in the year 1813, in Brownville Jefferson county, N. Y. where I now reside. I immediately became acquainted with some of the Christian elders and brethren in this part of God's heritage, to whom I immediately confessed who I was, and where I had been, and we found our hearts knit together in love; we now remain in fellowship in preaching, ordaining and breaking of bread, &c. &c.

To the friends of Christ, that have heretofore any acquaintance with, or knowledge of unworthy me if you can feel, through the grace of God, to overlook, pass by and forgive, so as to feel the wound made in thy heart healed, it is my hearts desire and prayer that you would; and pray God for me that I may ever hereafter be found a faithful servant of Christ.

Shubael Little.

The Christian's Death.—The decline of the righteous is like the setting of the glorious Sun; though each leaveth us in darkness, yet is their pleasure unextinguished. When, therefore, we mourn at their departure, we mourn not for them but for our

selves. And when we contemplate the life of a christian friend, the pleasing recollection of his spotless purity of character, and the unshaken sincerity of his christian piety, cheers our desponding spirits and sweetens the cup of affliction. *Watchman.*

Take Notice.—It appears that some people have supposed, that the papers sent from this office would be free of postage; but that is not the case. Each and every subscriber must pay the postage at the office where the papers are sent, and the remainder will be due to me. As the Informer is but newly published, people would wish to examine them before they pay for a year, therefore if it is paid in 6 months from the commencement, it will be considered as in advance.

E. Chase.

After a long and arduous struggle, the District of Maine is at length acknowledged an independent state, from Massachusetts proper. The majority of votes in that district in favor of a separation, was 9,969. The meeting, to form a Constitution or frame a Government for said District, is appointed the second Monday in October next, to be holden at the Court-House, in Portland.

The Sandwich Qr. Meeting was holden at Alexandria, on the 4th Wednesday and Thursday in August last. The season was comforting, the reports were refreshing, the preaching, instructing, and exhortations, solemn. The church at Alexandria was received into fellowship. The next Q. M. is appointed at Concord in Grafton Co. N. H.

ORDINATION.

The ordination, of Brother Solomon How of Newport, which was mentioned in No. 3d, page 20, was performed as follows. Sermon, by Eld. Abner Jones, Hopkinton. Right hand of fellowship by Eld. William Dodge, Salisbury. Concluding prayer by Eld. Elijah Watson, Sutton. Also ordained two Deacons, viz. Nathaniel Wheeler and Abel Wheeler.

To Correspondents. The communication signed "Lorenzo," and also, "Ariel," will be attended to in future numbers.

Rejected.—Eld. Robert Dickey of Wilmot, N. H.

DIED

In this town Zadock, son of Mr. Stephen Sleeper, aged seven years and ten months.

In Wilmot, Mr. Jethro Barber, aged 26.

LISTING ORDERS.

COME sinners dont you hear the sound?
The martial trumpets blowing!
See men in order listing round
And to the standard flowing.

CHORUS.

*Ho! every one that thirsts,
Come ye too the waters ;
Freely drink and quench your thirst
With Zion's sons and daughters.*

- 2 Bounty's offer'd joy and peace
To every soldier given,
And when from toil and war we cease,
A mansion bright in heaven.
- 3 All those who long in debt have laid,
And are in grievous bondage,
May have their debts all truly paid,
And give their Donor homage.
- 4 Those that are sick, or blind, or lame,
May surely now be healed ;
Captive rebels, too may come,
And have a pardon sealed.
- 5 The battle is not truly strong,
The burden's on Christ's shoulders ;
There's none so aged or so young,
But they may list for soldiers.
- 6 And those who cannot run or fly,
In him, they find protection ;
And none who on his arm rely,
Shall bow to base subjection,
- 7 You need not fear the cause is good ;
Come ! who will list for soldiers,
For in this cause the Martyrs stood
Convicting to beholders.
- 8 Come O ye sinners come and list,
Christ's bands are now recruiting :
No longer in your sin persist,
Nor spend your time in doting.
- 9 The battle brethren, is begun,
The armies now in motion ;
And some by faith behold the crown,
And long to grasp their portion.